

DX LISTENING DIGEST 1-141, October 6, 2001
edited by Glenn Hauser, wghauser@hotmail.com

{Items from DXLD may be reproduced and re-reproduced only if full credit be maintained at all stages and we be provided exchange copies. DXLD may not be reposted in its entirety without permission. For restrictions and searchable 2001, 2000 contents archive see}

<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Dxldmid.html>

[NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn]

** AFGHANISTAN. As a precursor to possible U.S. military action, Pentagon sources said the U.S. government is considering airdropping transistor radios into Afghanistan to allow Afghan citizens to hear broadcasts produced by the U.S. State Department or military psychological operations units. The radio broadcasts would also emphasize that "the people of Afghanistan are not the enemy" of the United States and would not be "targeted" in a U.S. military action, the Pentagon sources said (CNN.com Oct 5 by Paul Ormandy, NZ, DXLD) WTFK?! Judging from previous PsyOps piece, it might be near main Afghan MW frequencies such as 1107 (gh, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. 'Psyops' use psychology to beat Taliban

The info warriors strive to demoralize and strike fear in hostile Afghans, By Andrea Stone USA TODAY, Oct 4, 2001

WASHINGTON -- Among the U.S. special-operations forces massing along the border of Afghanistan in preparation for strikes against Osama bin Laden and his Taliban protectors are a small cadre of soldiers whose mission is not to capture bodies as much as hearts and minds. In this new war on terrorism, specialists in psychological operations -- or "psyops" -- will use old methods of persuasion to influence the behavior and emotions of enemy forces and hostile civilians in Afghanistan.

Armed with mobile broadcast stations, leaflets and loudspeakers, these information warriors will seek to demoralize and strike fear in the Taliban while bucking up Afghan refugees and assuring them that bin Laden is the real enemy.

To convey the message, the 193rd Special Operations Wing in Harrisburg, Pa., has been deployed. The Air National Guard unit flies six EC-130E "Commando Solo" aircraft, which are airborne

broadcast stations that can monitor and jam electronic transmissions. A spokesman wouldn't say where they are, but they are likely at air bases in Afghanistan's neighbors Uzbekistan or Tajikistan.

Analysts say it is almost certain that soldiers from the 4th Psychological Operations Group at Fort Bragg, N.C., which operates Commando Solo's radio and TV equipment, have been sent to the region.

"The information campaign is very important both strategically and with respect to Afghanistan," says William Nash, a retired Army two-star general at the Council on Foreign Relations. "We need to talk directly to the Afghan people."

Prohibited by U.S. law from trying to influence Americans, psyops soldiers say they share facts with foreigners and market democracy and the American way of life.

Like all special-operations missions, psyops are veiled in secrecy. But psyops veterans say past wars point to the kinds of methods and messages the Army is likely to use in Central Asia.

Whether through radio broadcasts, leaflets or bullhorns, U.S. forces will try to "make it clear this is not a war against the Afghan people, that this is a war against bin Laden," says James Phillips, a Middle East and terrorism expert at the Heritage Foundation. "We could exploit existing cleavages" by targeting Taliban commanders whose loyalties stem more from bribes than ideology by promising them payoffs or a role in a future Afghan government, he says.

Broadcasts and written materials will be tailored and tested with Afghan-Americans. Cultural sensitivities are crucial, says Herb Friedman, a retired Army psyops soldier. "There will be religious leaflets taking various phrases from the Qur'an that speak of peace and not killing one's neighbors," he predicts. "There will be photographs of dead women and children and the question 'Is this what Allah teaches?' "

The largest audience may be refugees fleeing Afghanistan. Psyops soldiers will likely spread the word that food being distributed by relief organizations to prevent widespread famine was paid for by the United States.

Psyops officials have had successes. Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega surrendered in 1990 after heavy metal rock music blared for three ear-splitting days at the Vatican embassy where he was holed up. Thousands of Iraqis were persuaded through leaflets and loudspeakers to give up during the Gulf War. In one case, 500 Iraqis left their bunker to surrender to three psyops soldiers armed with

bullhorns (via N. Grace-USA Oct 5, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. USA/Afghanistan: Congressman calls for "Radio Free Afghanistan" | Text of press release by US Congressman Ed Royce headlined "Afghans deserve to hear the truth"

Washington, DC, 2 October: Saying that Afghans deserve to hear the truth about what is happening in the region and with their ruling Taleban government, U.S. Republican Ed Royce (California) introduced bipartisan legislation this evening to create a "Radio Free Afghanistan".

Royce, a senior member of the House International Relations Committee, said the legislation would create a "Radio Free Afghanistan" under the existing Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty services. US Representatives. Howard Berman (Democrat, California), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Republican, Florida), James Leach (Republican, Iowa), Chris Smith (Republican, New Jersey), Mark Kirk (Republican, Illinois), Joseph Pitts (Republican, Pennsylvania), Joseph Hoeffel (Democrat, Pennsylvania) and Juanita Millender-McDonald (Democrat, California) joined Royce as original co-sponsors.

"This legislation would revive the broadcasts that Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty were doing when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan during the Cold War. They are familiar with the challenges of broadcasting to Afghanistan and have the institutional knowledge to perform these broadcasts and get them up and running quickly. In fact, most of the people who were broadcasting during Afghanistan's war with the Soviet Union are still on staff with Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty," Royce said.

The bill allows Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty to perform surrogate broadcasts into Afghanistan. It authorizes 8m dollars for Fiscal Year 2002 and 6m dollars for Fiscal Year 2003. These funds would allow for a new transmitter and roughly 12 hours a day of broadcasting into Afghanistan in local languages (6 hours in Pashto and 6 hours in Dari).

Royce said that Radio Free Afghanistan is urgently needed to inform Afghans what their ruling Taleban government was doing, and to tell the truth about world events, including the 11 September terrorist attacks.

"Horrible things are being said right now that are not being countered. There is a lot of anti-Semitic, anti-American, anti-Western hate radio being broadcast by the Taleban and Usamah Bin-Ladin's organization. Radio Free Afghanistan is needed to broadcast the American ideals of democracy, liberty, and freedom to listeners

in the region," Royce said.

He pointed to one example -- a story reported in the region claiming that 4,000 Jews did not go to work on 11 September at the World Trade Center. The report said that Israel conducted the attacks.

"We've got to counter these vile lies being propagated by terrorists and the radical Taleban; Radio Free Afghanistan is the best way to do that," Royce said.

[Radio Free Afghanistan broadcast between 1985 and 1993 in Dari and Pashto for up to two hours a day on shortwave.]

Source: Congressman Ed Royce's official web site, Washington D.C., in English 2 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. 7081.8v, Voice of Shari'ah, Oct 1, 1558-1710 Arabic & other languages at 1600, talks, short songs, Russian ID at 1651 "Govorit, Afghanistan, Kabul", Sign off at 1710. Frequency: 7081.8 (1600) To 7081.5 (1710) (Franck Baste, France, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).

From Radio Austria: Managing Director Roland Machatschke:

Thanks to our listeners

In recent weeks we have posted excerpts here from letters we have received from listeners. They have all expressed their concern about the future of ROI. This concern is no longer necessary, at least for the year 2002.

Despite the fact the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) faces a decrease in revenues and is thus forced to make spending cuts, it has decided to keep Radio Austria International on the air. We are therefore in a position to continue to offer you an interesting programme in all our six broadcast languages.

Up to and including 2 October, we received almost 900 mainly positive responses in the form of E-mails, letters and cards. On behalf of the entire staff I would like to thank you for:

Your support

Your interest in ROI

Your praise for our programme and broadcasts

The considerable thought many of you have given to the duties and function of an international broadcaster

The many warm wishes for our staff.

These letters not only gave us important moral support in mastering a difficult situation, they also showed very clearly the close ties between our listeners and ROI.

From the beginning of 2002, Radio Austria International will have only a third of the funding it had at its disposal in 1999. We will, however, make every effort possible to ensure that the financial loss will not result in a loss of quality in our programming.

(Prof. Roland Machatschke, Managing Director via Mike Terry, Oct 5, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** CANADA. SNAP, CRACKLE, POP: ***may not be heard in all locations*** Join Paul Grant and Roy Forbes at noon Thanksgiving Monday for Snap, Crackle, Pop - two hours of weird and wonderful recordings, rescued from delete bins, dumpsters and who knows where else. It's a walk on the wild side of recorded music! That's Snap, Crackle, Pop, Monday at noon (12:30 NT) on CBC Radio One (CBC Hotsheet for Oct 8 via DXLD; presumably a two-hour program, among other holiday specials; this is to fill in for a slot normally reserved for local productions why may be on holiday, but some of them may still appear instead of this)

If this Roy Forbes is the one I'm thinking of, he should have had his own show years ago. He pops up in programs like this, usually as a holiday replacement. He is super knowledgeable about vinyl recordings, and apparently has quite an extensive collection (Fred Waterer, ODXA via DXLD)

** CONGO DR. Re new 100 kW transmitter, last heard on 15245: Historic frequencies include 7255, 9710, 11720, 15350 (though use of the former might be foolish, with Nigeria active there) (Craig Seager, ARDXC via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Tho currently scheduled to switch from 15050 to 15045 at 1200 UT, RFPI has been doing it quite a bit later, such as Friday Oct 5 at 1351 (hearing it still on 15050 clashing with China at 1330, I put a receiver on 15045 to catch when they switched). Well, I'd not like to get up before 6 a.m. either for this task :). From Oct. 8 they are supposed to stay on 15045 only.

Notes from James Latham on RFPI Mailbag Oct 5: A large new antenna is being built for the 30 kW 7445 kHz transmitter, currently off the air. It takes up almost the whole acre yard. Can't be sure when it will be ready, but possibly in two weeks or so. 7445 should then have a much better signal than in the past, covering all of North America

and beyond. Previously, the antenna was aiming off toward Africa with a big null toward North America. Have thought of closing down the small 1 kW outlet on 21815-USB, but hear from listeners urging us to keep it on, especially in the mornings. It has a very old, worn-out tube capable of only 1 kW; a new tube could boost it to 3 kW for a much better signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

14950 (spur), RFPI, 0535 Oct 6, Noted this spur for the first time. 100 kc down from fundamental. Fair strength. Fundamental strong with some distortion (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 9565, 1904z to 1917z 5-Oct-01, Spanish, USA, R. Martí, 45445. It was not jammed; therefore it wasn't propagating into Cuba? Discussing a particular Cuban official, a Sr. Gonzales, oficio de seguridad... then jazz. Martí has good jazz, much like Washington's Felix Grant used to play at night on WMAL-630 here. But if I like it, it's probably something Mama and Papa are listening to, and the kids are trying to get hip-hop out of the Miami stations. This radio war has been entertaining, but it may be the exiles in Miami and the Communists in Havana whacking each other on the head with their strollers soon. (Gregory A. Baker, WB3EBO QTH: Laurel, Maryland 39-02N 76-50W 225 feet ASL; RECEIVERS: DX-390 (digital), DX-160 (analog, checked against DX-390, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECH REPUBLIC/USA. Czech president against relocation of RFE/RL | Text of report in English by Czech news agency CTK Prague, 3 October:

The removal of Radio Free Europe (RFE/RL) from the Prague centre because of a threat of terrorist attacks would be absurd, President Vaclav Havel told journalists today. Experts say that the building of the radio station, financed by the USA, which also broadcasts to Islamic countries, might become a target of terrorist attacks. This is why it has been guarded by soldiers and armoured carriers as well as police since the end of last week. "I don't know if it were better to place RFE somewhere in a field. But then world trade centres might be built in the fields as well and perhaps parliaments, too," Havel said. Tightened safety precautions around the RFE compound and other US institutions were introduced after the terrorist attacks on the USA in the Czech Republic. Chief of staff Jiri Sedivy has said that foreign intelligence services had warned the Czech Republic against an attack on the RFE/RL. The terrorists wanted to deliver explosives in a van to the building, Sedivy said. The RFE building is situated very close to the Wenceslas Square, Prague's centre. Source: CTK news agency, Prague, in English 1705 gmt 3 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

Czech minister confirms threat of terrorist attack on Radio Free Europe | Text of report in English by Czech news agency CTK Prague, 5 October:

There was a real threat to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), situated in Prague's centre, Interior Minister Stanislav Gross told journalists after a meeting of the interministerial emergency committee today. Czech security services received specific information about the threat and on the basis of that information safety precautions were taken at the RFE/RL building, Gross said. "As there is certain information about the way the terrorism could be done, the directions from which this could happen were singled out," Gross said. As a result, the army placed armoured carriers to the direction of the possible attacks, he added. Gross said that the vehicles had been located in a way which would protect the compound at the most sensitive places. "If a lorry loaded with explosives or a burning mixture drove from above, from Vinohradska street, soldiers with machine guns or concrete blocks would not prevent it," Gross said, adding that the danger had not been eliminated, but partly lowered. Gross said that the measures at RFE would not be changed. Four armoured carriers have been standing at RFE since last Thursday. The building is also being guarded by members of an army elite unit. Traffic in the vicinity on a major Prague thoroughfare has been reduced. Source: CTK news agency, Prague, in English 1511 gmt 5 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** DENMARK. This from Steve Whitt, Grimsby, UK on the Medium Wave Circle List:

Danmarks Radio has from September 1st made some changes in the programme schedule. Kalundborg 1062 kHz and 243 kHz are now on air 24 hours. 243 carries Danmarks Radio P1, and 1062 the DR P4. During night time (2200-0400 UTC) P3 and P4 share 1062 kHz.
<http://www.dr.dk/radio>

Later report from Steve Whitt querying the information on the website: Following the previous news item. I checked last night and Danish Radio WAS NOT OPERATING 24 hrs a day (on 243 or 1062 kHz). Was the earlier report accurate? (via Mike Barraclough, Oct 5, DXLD)

** FRANCE. RFI, 25820, had a good signal Oct 6, for the first time this fall, English at 1200, French at 1230-1300*, only station on band. (The French ski resort relays have been absent for a few years now, moved to VHF or UHF?) (Alan Roberts, QB, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. A temporary AM & FM station: (gh) You'll remember that the disaster they're referring to was a major explosion in a fertilizer factory, which took place on September 13th or 14th, if I remember correctly. 73- Bill Westenhaber

Radio France lance une radio temporaire destinée aux sinistrés de

Toulouse

PARIS, 5 oct (AFP) - Radio France lancera lundi "M'Toulouse", une radio temporaire de "solidarité et d'espoir" destinée aux habitants des zones sinistrées de Toulouse, a annoncé le groupe public vendredi.

Cette radio, qui émettra sept jours sur sept de 7H30 à minuit jusqu'à Noël, s'adressera à "toutes les personnes en détresse, pour qui M'Toulouse veut être une radio de solidarité et d'espoir, un élément de lien humain", a déclaré à l'AFP Jean-Marie Cavada, Pdg de Radio France.

Elle s'adressera également "aux autorités nationales, régionales, départementales, municipales et à tous les services qui travaillent à remettre Toulouse sur pied après la catastrophe", a-t-il ajouté.

M'Toulouse sera diffusée dès lundi en ondes moyennes (317 mètres - 945 khz) -- une fréquence que possédait déjà Radio France -- puis, dès que le Conseil supérieur de l'audiovisuel (CSA) l'y autorisera, en FM sur 98.7, une fréquence toulousaine événementielle.

De format "talk" (il n'y aura "pas ou très peu de musique") M'Toulouse sera organisée en grandes tranches de quatre heures. Elle s'appuiera sur des moyens de diffusion mobile pour s'installer tour à tour, une dizaine de jours chaque fois, dans les quartiers les plus touchés par l'explosion.

UNION DES ECOUTEURS FRANCAIS

Radiodiffusions, utilitaires, radio-Écouteurs, radioamateurs, techniques... Courriel: tsfinfo@magic.fr

Web: <http://www.u-e-f.net> ou <http://www.radio-ecouteur.org>

La radio des radios : <http://www.radio-uef.org>

U.E.F.: B.P.31, 92242 MALAKOFF Cedex, FRANCE.

(TSF 1081 Oct 5 via Bill Westenhaver, QB, DXLD)

France: Radio France station for residents affected by Toulouse blast
| Excerpt from report by French news agency AFP

Paris, 5 October: On Monday [8 October], Radio France will launch M'Toulouse, a temporary radio station of "solidarity and hope" which will broadcast to people living in the areas of Toulouse affected by the explosion at the AZF chemical plant [in which 29 people died], the group said on Friday.

The radio station, which will broadcast seven days a week from 0730 [0630 gmt] to midnight until Christmas, will be aimed at "all those in distress, for whom M'Toulouse wants to be a radio of solidarity

and hope, a point of human contact," Radio France's chief executive officer, Jean-Marie Cavada, said.

It would also be aimed at "the national, regional, departmental and municipal authorities, and all the services trying to get Toulouse back on its feet again after the disaster," he said.

M'Toulouse will broadcast from Monday on mediumwave (317m - 945 kHz - a frequency already owned by Radio France) and later, after authorization from the Higher Broadcasting Council (CSA), on 98.7 FM... Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in French 1159 gmt 5 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** GUADELOUPE. 640 kHz, Pointe-à-Pitre, OCT 2, 2357 - Fair; man in French not parallel RFO 1375 kHz [St Pierre & Miquelon]. OCT 3 2215 - Discussion in French not parallel RFO 162 kHz [continental France], soon lost to Union Radio-Venezuela. OCT 5 0900 - Good; man in French with Radio Nacional [sic] ID and salsa music, then news, Radio Guadeloupe IDs, and Caribbean music. It seems that they no longer carry RFO (Bruce Conti, ME, NRC IDXD via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR: <embarrassed> I should have double-checked what I hastily sent. After seeing what went into DXLD 1-140 I realized the broadcast times were fubar. Here's reality:

```
1000-1100 1053.0do 11585.0as 13700.0au* 15020.0as 15770.0as 17510.0au
          17840.0as 17895.0au
1330-1500 9690.0as 11620.0as* 13710.0as*
1745-1945 7410.0eu* 9950.0eu 11935.0af 13605.0af* 15155.0af*
          17670.0af*
2045-2230 7150.0va* 7410.0eu* 9650.0eu* 9910.0au* 9950.0eu*
          11620.0au* 11715.0au*
2245-0045 9705.0as* 9950.0as 11620.0as* 13605.0as*
```

Note the different start times for the third and fourth broadcast blocks. </embarrassed> 73, (Mark J. Fine / mark.-@fineware-sw1.com Remington, Virginia, USA swprograms via DXLD)

Oops, I should have caught this one, too. I was so mesmerized by all the unnecessary point-zeroes that I didn't notice the wrong times there. Let that be a lesson... (gh, DXLD)

Well, I got 'em from combining MT's listings and those on the AIR web site. The objective was to get information out there... I figured either or both of the sources might have some outdated or erroneous information. But in the main, I thought there would be enough there to allow the user of the list to find a frequency that worked at a time that was effective. That's why I put the "additions/corrections

welcome" message at the end. It wasn't meant to be definitive; I saw it as a first draft of a work in progress.

Mark, check the AIR web site... that's where the "fubar" times came from. Silly me, I assumed that AIR might actually know what times it was broadcasting. My guess is that --- if they are wrong --- someone there had difficulty converting to UTC (John Figliozi, swprograms via DXLD)

** INDIA. 13605 AIR; 1820-1916+, 20-Sep; All in EE. Many IDs as The Gen'l Overseas Svc of AIR. Vocal mx @t-in, best described as "Hindi scat". 1830-1841 feature on trad'l medicine then more trad'l sub-cont. mx. 1900-1905 Nx & 1905-1910 Press review, all on WTC attack. 1910 folk tale. SI0=4+43 (Ha'ld Frodge, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. XM Satellite Radio has put up on their web site a complete channel listing of all the services they carry. I couldn't get it to copy, so you will have to go to the seb site and look for yourself. <http://channels.xmradio.com> (Joe Buch, swprograms via DXLD)

Some of them have webcasts ñ I got the one with movie music, but not the one with galactic music (gh, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]. 12349 SSB, 2204z to 2038z 5-Oct-01, English, GX498, SOUTHWARD BOUND, and Atlantic Weather Net 55545 for GX498, S-1 or lower; other stations Providing weather advisories for North Atlantic, Caribbean, for offshore boaters (Gregory A. Baker, WB3EBO QTH: Laurel, Maryland 39-02N 76-50W 225 feet ASL RECEIVERS: DX-390 (digital), DX-160 (analog, checked against DX-390), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. CONCURSO FADJIR: A Voz da Rep'blica Isl,mica do Ir,, anuncia a sexta ediÃ,,o do concurso "Fadjir". Os interessados devem escrever sobre o tema "di·logo entre as civilizaÁies". Para elaborar os artigos, os ouvintes devem acompanhar o conte'do do programa "Conversando con los oyentes", emitido, em espanhol, nas quintas-feiras. Os trabalhos devem ser enviados atÈ o dia 31 de dezembro de 2001 para o seguinte endereÁo: Voz da Rep'blica Isl,mica do Ir,,, ServiÁo em Espanhol, Apartado Postal 19395 - 67, 67 Teer,,, Rep'blica Isl,mica do Ir,. Fax: (+98-21) 205 16 35 EndereÁo eletrÙnico: spanish@i... [truncated by yahoogroups] (CÈlio Romais, Porto Alegre-RS, @tividade DX Oct 6 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. VO Communist Party of Iran. is heard on 3870 kHz which seems to be a shift from the listed 3880v in DSWCI DBS. Good signals at 1440 tune in to s.off at 1530 UT without ``The International``. Again heard at 1635 to s.off at 1800 with the "International". So

presume the "International" is played at the end of the day's broadcasting. One of the few Communist Parties active in broadcasting these days (G.V.A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Oct 3, 2001 in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Hi! Arutz 7, 1539 kHz, reported Oct 4, 2001, sent me a quick email QSL. Their schedule below is their local time. They are not on at all on Fridays and Saturdays it seems to say. There have been some questions if there is a VoA station on 1539, I remember. This seems to be the answer to that. Thanks Herman Boel for fine EMWG editing of this station. Does anyone have a background article about this station to hint me about ? Here's the full reply from them at a7@a7.org

"Shalom, Thank you for your letter. We confirm that you did indeed hear Arutz 7's foreign channel broadcasting on 1539 AM. The station broadcasts in Russian from midnight to 7 pm, in French between 7-9pm and in English 9pm - midnight Sunday to Thursday. Best wishes from Israel, Rivka Shemaria English & Internet Dept. Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio" 73 (Johan Berglund, Trollhättan, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non]. VOICE OF FREEDOM OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR: 5101 kHz. Daily 1300-1500 UT. English segment is from 1401-1410 consists of a political commentary. On 3rd October it was unbelievably strong and clear and stronger than even P. Pakistan Quetta on 5027. I was able to get a good EE ID [...] (G.V.A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Oct 5, 2001 in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. Voice of Mesopotamia, 1400- on 11530, in Kurdish (Oct 03, 2001), music, ID Denge Mezopotamya several times, then into news, lots of music, no parts in English, no international news heard, no address announcement heard, sign off with hymn shortly before 1600, SINPO 54444 (M. Schöch, Germany, for CRW via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. R. Kuwait's printed schedule for A-2001, presents English programmes as follows with times here converted by gh to UT from the local UT+3 shown. Days of week are NOT specified, tho a series of programs under one time block may be assumed to be in DOW order. The 'Songs' are actually grouped in one block, and often duplicate times shown for other shows. Despite this, we hope this version make more sense than that previously published (tho it predates 9-11 and changes may have ensued):

1800-2100 on 11990 to Eu/NAm:

1800 Opening Announcement & Review [sic] of This Evening's Programmes

1802 Eyewitness

1815 Songs

1830 News
1845 Songs, or Pioneers & Famous Personalities of Kuwait
1900 Music Time ? Home Matters / Pop View / Pop Star / Pop Scene /
Sounds of Today / Master Piece
1930 Preaching and Life of the Holy Prophet
1945 Songs, or Discovering Your Hidden Powers / Scene & Heard / Pell
Mell / Helter Skelter / international Top 20 / Pop Session
Special
2000 Swing Away
2015, 2030, 2045 Songs
2050 News in Brief
2055 Songs
2058 Close Down

0500-0800 on 15110 to SE Asia:

0500 Opening Announcement & Review [sic] of This Morning's Programmes
0502 Eyewitness
0515 Songs
0530 Songs, Kuwait Land of Prosperity / Pioneers and Famous
Personalities of Kuwait / Twist Around
0545 Songs
0600 News
0605 Songs
0615 Preaching and Life of the Holy Prophet
0630 Songs, Pick Up
0658 Scene & Heard / Pell Mell / Helter Skelter / International Top
20 / Pop Session Special
0700 Discovering Your Hidden Powers / Pop Scene
0730 Songs
0758 Close Down

The entire frequency schedule (but not programming, apparently):

<http://www.moinfo.gov.kw/eng/freq/sw.htm>

(via Paul Santos, Philippines, Sept 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 7145, Lao National Radio, 1333 Sept 28, heard first time in
ENGLISH since started DXing 10 years ago. Local news followed by
international items, then a couple of Laotian songs. Sign off at
1400, no other px after that. SINPO 53333. Yeah... (Richard Lam,
Singapore, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Lao National Radio's International Service noted again on 7145 kHz, 2
Oct. In Vietnamese when I first checked at 1210, ending with a nice
comprehensible ID mentioning 'Lao' and 'Vientiane' and then beginning
Cambodian at 1230, and French at 1258. The English segment finished
with the Lao National Anthem just before 1400 when the carrier went
off. Reception here deteriorates after about 1230, and throughout the
signal is weaker at this location than the domestic service on 6130.

The good news is that the audio was improved compared with the transmission I reported a few days ago. I was last able to confirm the parallel MW frequency 1030 kHz in early August, listening from Thailand (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** MACAO. 15295 CHINA Macau, R Macau at 1025 Oct 5 in Portuguese with several clear ID's; No listing in either PWBR or WRTH for any shortwave for Macau so transmitter site not clear. Maybe the group have more info on this one (Bob Stewart, Ont.?, ODXA via DXLD)

?? I seriously doubt this is from China/Macau. Maybe from Lisbon, which I recall uses this frequency? But A-01 HFCC shows it only at:

15295 2300 0200 12-15	LIS 100 215
23456 250301 281001 D	PORTUGUESE POR RDP RDP 4810

Which would not fit if your time is in UT as assumed. It also appears in DXLD 1-088. The only station scheduled at 1025 UT is Voice of Russia (or some relay operation) per HFCC,

15295 1000 1200 40,41	SRN 250 130
1234567 250301 281001 D	RUS VOR MCB 4805

but the complete VOR sked in DXLD 1-138 does not show that frequency in use, let alone anything in Portuguese at that hour. So further checks are needed.

PWBR-2001 (data from 2000y) reminds us that V. of Malaysia had a transmission in Chinese to SEAs starting at 1030 on 15295.

Mozambique also has/had irregular use of 15295v during that time period, and could be expected to be in Portuguese if back on (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 870. XETAR Guachochoic [sic], CHIH, SEP 18, 1200 XE anthem; s/on by gal in SS, followed by guy with Indian language s/on. A nice fiddle tune, with children's choir accompanying, was followed by a program of announcements and comunicados in SS. Tuned out at 1310. Generally fair (John Wilkins, CO, NRC IDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO/ARGENTINA. "Rock en Espa ol" actually has a variety of subdivisions. There is Rock Alternativo, which is harder rock (Genitallica and Zurdok are sample bands), there is soft rock (Sa'l Hern ndez, Man ), pesado (El Tri) and even a rock-hip hop fusion (Control Machete and Molotov). There is not so much of the "statement" lyric content any more as the genre, or genres, are fairly commercial now. Almost all of this music is on FM. A website that has good lists, but no streaming, is <http://www.more989fm.com>

and this is XHMOR in Tijuana, one of only a few pure Spanish language rock stations in the world (the others being Mega 98.3 in Buenos Aires and Cosmos 94 in Puerto Rico).

Mega 98.3 plays only Argentine classic rock, an additional variant; it is far and away the #1 station in Argentina. Any DXer who wants to get a feel for Spanish language rock can find a streaming link at <http://www.mega983.com.ar>

Since I consult this station, I recommend it highly!!! It's possible some DXable AMs might have a bit of this music at night, particularly if they are in smaller markets where there are fewer FMs. There is also a variety of non-rock pop genres in Mexico. There is teen pop, which is very bubble gum-sounding and dancy in feel (Kabah, Litzy, MDO). There is more adult pop, including tecno (Moenia, Sentidos Opuestos). The <http://radioentro.com.mx> site has links to the audio of FM 97.7 which is a 100% pop station. Again, this is a mostly FM format (David Gleason, CA, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Hi folks, It's fall, and next Sunday the first Sunday of the month....2001-10-07 so our schedule says: Mike Radio Int. on 9.290 MHz AM, Time 5.00 UTC till 07.30 UTC. Transmission with our "main transmitter". Our last transmission with this transmitter on this freq was a success, because in midsummer we had a nice audio-report from South America! With "enough(?!)" power and a much stronger modulator-powersupply and a new tube-amplifier (geloso) we hope for a good transmission next Sunday morning. So we hope to reach every corner from Europe, N + S America and maybe Australia. We hope also that the props are with us... on the 32mb. If you suddenly have only a carrier.. you have to imagine the smoke and smell from the transmitterroom yourself... Join our show on 9290 AM. Greetings from Mike van Oosterbos and Dave Leusink. PS Our website is "down air" for some reason. RR's are most welcome on www.mikeradio48@h... [truncated by yahoogroups] or PO BOX 23 8090 AA WEZEP the Netherlands (via SW Pirates via Nicol's ...ramo, Oct 5, Conexi n Digital via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. It's October, anniversary of the cancellation of Media Network. Those who pine for the voice of Jonathan Marks may hear him instead with a more positive celebration (gh, DXLD)

THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER Happy 40th Birthday!! Today our broadcast centre here in Hilversum celebrates its 40th birthday. Prior to 1961, Radio Netherlands was housed in a small, often cramped villa in the centre of Hilversum. But on October 11th forty years ago that all changed as we moved into a purpose-built and spacious broadcasting house on the edge of town. The celebrations are hosted by Jonathan Marks. Broadcast times (UTC): 10.00 (Pacific/Asia/Far East), 11.30 (Europe/East Coast USA), 15.00 (Asia/West Coast USA), 18.00 & 19.30

(Africa), 21.00 (Europe), 00.00 & 05.00 (North America) On the Web:
<http://www.rnw.nl/en/html/thursday.html> (RN Previews via DXLD)

** NIGERIA: Seems VON has TWO promotions departments... see RNW Media Network. I could not hear anything on 15120 recently except Cuba(?), CRI... Also no VON on 7275. Maybe just tests (Thorsten Hallmann, Muenster, Germany, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4 October 2001: Radio Netherlands journalist Eric Beauchemin has just visited the external service, Voice of Nigeria. The station plans to have two additional shortwave transmitters on the air by the end of the year. Then they intend to start a daily 18 hour service in English, and a separate 18 hour service in 5 foreign languages. Three new languages - German, Igbo & Yoruba - will be started later this year. An Internet service will start in early 2002, and streaming in RealAudio should happen by the spring. A full report on the visit, with photos, will be published in few weeks time when Eric Beauchemin returns to Hilversum (© Radio Netherlands Media Network Oct 5 via DXLD)

** PALAU? SITE? I listened to 9965 last night. The identification is "Fu yin dian tai" or Gospel Radio. There is no mention of KHBZ, T8BZ or HAM. I note that the id is different from the previous ids which clearly identifies HAM in Mandarin as well as "Holy Spirit Radio". No id of the church and no on air address. The programs are evangelical and discipleship programs. Also Mandarin versions of "Praise" series of songs so common in pentecostal churches (Richard Lam, Singapore, Sep 28, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PERU. 6538.8, Radiodifusoras Huancabamba, 0125 Oct 6, Folk music, male announcer. Good modulation, good copy. ID at 0220.

On 4995.6, R Andina, 1017 Oct 6, Have not heard this station in a while. Fair strength but QRM from both sides. YL gave ID in passing @ 1019, then into Andean folk music (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** QATAR/USA. Emir comments on Al-Jazeera TV issue | Excerpt from report in English from Qatari newspaper Gulf Times web site on 4 October

HH the Emir of Qatar, Shaykh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani, yesterday expressed, on behalf of the government and people of Qatar, his condolences on the victims of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York.

The relations between Qatar and the United States prompt us to stand in support of its fight against terrorism, HH the Emir told reporters

after his meeting with US Secretary of State Colin Powell here yesterday.

The Emir praised ties between the two countries as distinguished, especially in the military domain, saying the continuation of the joint military exercises bears witness to this.

Replying to a question about Al-Jazeera satellite channel, HH the Emir said: We are getting prepared for a parliamentary life after two years, and the Al-Jazeera issue will be completely over by then as parliamentary life especially requires freedom for a credible media and this is what we are trying to do in Qatar.

The Emir stressed that what was needed now was to combat terrorism clearly, openly and in a way that convinces others and those who suffered in the United States in as much as it convinces the Arab and Muslim worlds.

For his part, Powell expressed thanks to HH the Emir for his condolences on the victims of the acts of aggression as well as for the donations offered by the Emir.

Powell, meanwhile, said the priority of the United States in its war against terrorism focused on Usamah Bin-Ladin and his Al-Qa'idah network, noting that the United States was not seeking conflicts with other countries.

Powell, however, explained, this goes for the first phase of the campaign, but that he could not elaborate on what could happen in the future.

We don't see that as directed against the Arabs or against Islam, but a campaign against terrorism, Powell said...

Source: Gulf Times web site, Doha, in English 4 Oct 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Dear Costas, I have identified your unID station on 1170 kHz. It is Tbilisskoye on 1170 kHz with 1200 kW that beams programs to many countries a.o. Turkey. Ibra Radio in Arabic and Radio China International in Turkish are using this relay station to get into the east Mediterranean area. The station is well heard here in V%xj^ in southern Sweden from 1700 LT until Capodistria in Slovenia are getting too strong at 2100 LT. During a visit to Israel I heard this station like a local in Tel Aviv from local sunset to local midnight. Best regards and many thanks for your interest in MW. I am sure I will ask you many questions about MW-stations from your area during the winter season. Some years ago I visited Ayia Napa and found that

MWDX-ing is excellent from that location. Best regards/ (Bengt Ericson, Sweden, Oct 3 via Costas Constantinides, Cyprus, DXLD)

The above was previously mis-identified as TURKEY, in DXLD 1-136 (gh)

** ST. KITTS & NEVIS. 895 kHz, VON Charlestown, OCT 2 2240 Good; easy listening blues vocals, "You're listening to Von Radio, from the Federation of St. Kitts Nevis" and steel band music (Bruce Conti, ME, NRC IDXD via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. Estimados amigos: La programación habitual de CBS-RTI se suspenderá el 10 de octubre debido a la transmisión de un programa especial del nonagésimo aniversario de la ROC en Taiwan. Les rogamos que nos envíen un informe de recepción correspondiente a esa misma fecha para obtener un recuerdo de la emisora. Cordialmente, CBS-Radio Taipei International (via ...ramo...)

El QTH de la emisora es el siguiente: CBS - RADIO TAIPEI
INTERNATIONAL P. O. BOX 24-38 TAIPEI, TAIWAN, 106 R.O.C. 73's
(Nicol's ...ramo, Argentina, Oct 5, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

Presumably the same will happen in English and other broadcasts. 10-10! (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. Hello, Kraig! Today we with Mykolaiv Radio Center begin test on 12040 kHz: 50 Hz - 5 kHz Audio filter was switched on. Please, try to check a difference between present-day and previous audio qualities. Experiment will continue for a week. Propagation become better. With the best regards, Alexander Yegorov, RUI, Oct 5, via Kraig Krist, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 0000-0400 UT at least (gh)

** U K. I know that several users of this list are sight-impaired and learned of this program that will be streamed live over the Internet at 1900 UTC by BBC Radio 4 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4>

"The Pictures Are Better"

Sat 6 Oct, 20:00 - 21:00 BST, 60 mins. The invention of radio was arguably the greatest unintended aid to improving the lives of blind people. On the 40th anniversary of In Touch, Peter White draws on the radio archive to assess how the medium of radio has reflected the experience of blindness across eight decades (John Figliozi, swprograms via DXLD) 1900 UT Sat

** U S A [non]. QSL 21500 kHz - R·dio Voz Crist,,, Santiago, Chile. Recebido cart,,o QSL completo, carta pessoal, cart,,o de visitas e boletim de programaÁ,,o. Demora: 30 dias. V/S: ValÈria de Almeida (apresentadora) e Bernice Ramirez (Gerente de programaÁ,,o em

português). QTH: 15485 Eagle Nest Lane, suite 220, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014, Estados Unidos da América. (informe enviado por e-mail) (Célio Romais, Porto Alegre-RS, @tividade DX via DXLD)

They are also running a DX program in the new Portuguese service, but I have never been able to discern exactly when it be; certainly don't want to waste time listening to their gospel nonsense (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 10475 kHz, WWCN Nashville TN; 2150-2202+, 30-Sep; Rlgs pxing & ID @2200. Hrd rlgs stn. on this freq a few days ago. Must be a mixing product as can also hear what sounds like Dr. Gene. SI0=232 (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE)

Simply explained: leapfrog mixer, 13845 DGS minus 1685 equals 12160; 12160 minus 1685 equals 10475 (gh)

** U S A. 25950/AM KPM566 Portland OR; 1725-1747+, 24-Sep; Reggae mx. "92.3 KGON" (Portland OR) IDs @1731, 1741. 1st time I've hrd this type of ID. I've hrd KPM566 ID's 3 or 4 times. KGON's website gives their format as "Classic Rock". Good but fades away occasionally (Hrld Frdg, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** U S A? 13370-13415 "Nat'l Windshield Wiper Synchronization Service"; 1520, 25-Sep; 1st time hrd on these freqs. Sharp drop @end-freqs (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** U S A. re unID harmonic from 1130: Glenn: I heard an ad on 2260 this morning, and the address given was a highway in GA! So, probably this station is from the Atlanta area. No wonder it's so strong here (-David Hodgson, TN, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. This has been the poorest summer in several years for 26 MHz sporadic-E DX, but reception is now picking up on the band:

25910 NBFM, Albuquerque NM, Sept 27-28, 2200-2300 UT, IDs as Newsradio 770, KKOB [not just 'KOB'], local phone-in show mostly with bomb-the-terrorists comments. Signal varied from good to nil; this part of band has power limit of 100 watts authorized. Surprised I had not heard this one before in frequent bandscans.

26400 NBFM, KTKA, Topeka KS, with local TV newscast mostly covering Kansas City, Oct 5 at 2230; ID as channel 49 fits. One watt. See also FRANCE (Alan Roberts, Montreal, QU, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Glenn, I've started a new e-mail list for those interested in pirate, clandestine, and illegal radio. This list is moderated by me and will be spam-free; I will approve all new subscribers to the list. The purpose of this list is to allow DXers

to exchange information about the "outer limits" of radio in a "near real time" way and to encourage discussion on issues in pirate, clandestine, and illegal radio. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to PirateRadio-subscribe@topica.com (Harry Helms, AK6C, Ridgecrest, CA, Oct 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This list is for sharing information and opinions about pirate, clandestine, and illegal radio stations, including reports of their reception. It is sponsored by the Association of Clandestine Radio Enthusiasts. To read this list on the web, please visit:
<http://www.topica.com/lists/PirateRadio>

** U S A. Press items about VOA are almost becoming too numerous to keep track of, but here's one more for the clippings file...
<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/story.hts/editorial/1074431>
(Kim Andrew Elliott, swprograms via DXLD)

VOA elected to tweak its format a few years back to try to become a radio version of CNN Headline News. In retrospect they probably should have taken a page from the CNN playbook and formed a new branded service like "VoA News Now International". That way the original VoA image and program diversity could have been preserved while still providing a 24 hour news service to underserved parts of the world. That way if "News Now" failed to meet the objectives of VoA's charter, it could just be folded without permanent injury to the bigger entity.

Where do they go from here? VoA is clearly under editorial duress from forces in the Congress and the State Department which want to skew VoA to present the US Government's view of the world as we know it. That was the original intent of the VoA charter in my opinion. No amount of good journalism will be able to overcome the lingering suspicion in the mind of international listeners that VoA is really just a mouthpiece for the US Government any more than we believe the Voice of Russia has complete editorial freedom to depict events in Russia independent of Russian government policy or guidance.

(~*-.,_.,.-*~'^'~*-.,_.,.-*~'^'~*-., Joe Buch, DE, swprograms Oct 5 via DXLD)

** U S A. ATTACK ON AMERICA: DOD WILL NOT GIVE UP ESSENTIAL SPECTRUM

In the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, the Defense Department has renewed support for its view that it shouldn't give up its spectrum to make room for consumer wireless products. Congressional auditors say that the proposed changes now could pose a further threat to national security. Amateur Radio Newsline's Norm Seeley, KI7UP, has more

Supporters of the mobile communications industry still say that transfer of some current military spectrum to the private sector is essential to fill the high demand for such services as the next generation of mobile phones and wireless Internet access. But Congresses' General Accounting Office says that if the Defense Department makes room for new wireless consumer products before more research is conducted, it could endanger the nation because of potential interference with Pentagon operations.

And it goes even further. Defense Department officials say that besides creating interference, moving all defense systems out of the current spectrum would take until 2017. That, says the DoD, would cost billions of dollars to orbit new satellites and otherwise accommodate military needs.

In the meantime, the Federal Communications Commission announced on September 24th that it will expand the possible uses of the 2500 to 2690 MHz band. That spectrum is currently used for fixed wireless services. New rules may eventually include a mobile component so that the spectrum can be used for 3 G services such as high-speed Internet access or music and video downloads.

The FCC says that it had considered reallocating the 2500 to 2690 band as a primary allocation to new 3 G wireless service. Because of the outcry against taking the spectrum from schools and other incumbent users it instead voted to create a possible shared allocation instead.

The FCC says that the flexible allocation would allow some portable data applications to be offered under existing service rules and could provide flexibility for offering other new advanced fixed and mobile services in the future. But it added that it would have to explore service rules that would apply to allow mobile operations in the band in a separate future rule-making proceeding.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Norm Seeley, KI7UP.

A September 2002 deadline by Congress for an auction of new spectrum licenses for wireless services might be delayed because of the Pentagon's resistance to any allocation change. (Published news reports, FCC actions) (Amateur Radio Newsline Oct 5 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. The impact of 9-11 --- not just the WTC

My first employer when I graduated from college was Dun & Bradstreet. I worked for them in San Francisco and San Jose for two years. They

were headquartered on Church Street in the Financial District of New York City. All of their employees are OK. One of their responsibilities for clients is to report significant events that affect the companies that the clients deal with. Here is an example.

Dun & Bradstreet - Important Notice

<http://www.dnb.com/english/aboutdnb/wtcnotice.asp>

(Tom McNiff, VA, Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

'Heartbreaking' recordings of ground zero

Kelly St. John, Chronicle Staff Writer

Thursday, October 4, 2001

©2001 San Francisco Chronicle

Robert Sanford has spent the last 20 years eavesdropping as police and firefighters respond to car chases and house fires.

So on Sept. 11, the ham radio operator from Sausalito tuned into New York city police and fire dispatches, and did what he always does as an emergency unfolds.

He pressed the "record" button.

A former New Yorker, Sanford captured two hours of frantic exchanges between police, firefighters and other emergency workers just after two planes crashed into the World Trade Center.

"It got hairy when the first tower collapsed," Sanford said. "Then, when the second tower was going to go down, it got really nuts. That was pretty intense radio traffic."

A female officer screamed for help, and it sounded like she was going to be trapped.

"If you watch (the coverage) on television, the newscasters are calm," he said. "Hearing an individual just crying out, that was heartbreaking."

It is legal to record police and fire dispatches. But New York City has yet to release the Sept. 11 exchanges to the media, so Sanford's recordings are the first chance the public has had to hear the wrenching words of rescuers arriving at the scene.

He has posted the audio recordings of some of them on his Web site, <http://www.bayscan1.50megs.com>

"Get away from the friggin' building," an officer with a thick New York accent shouted in one exchange. "Get the cops away from the friggin' building!"

After a tower collapsed, Sanford heard one police dispatcher try to pinpoint the location of a seriously injured officer who could barely speak.

"Try to talk to your radio," coaxed the dispatcher. "What was your last location?"

"Help me," was all the trapped officer said back.

Sanford said he has no regrets for recording those exchanges because they are "historical."

"But it's not a pleasurable thing to listen to . . . when all hell breaks loose on the radio," Sanford said.

On that morning, Sanford, 44, was awakened by a friend in New Jersey calling to say a plane had hit the World Trade Center.

He sprung into his "command center," a room with his computer, television and radio equipment. A ham radio buddy from the East Coast used the Internet to feed Sanford the radio transmissions from New York, which he recorded directly onto his computer.

"It just seemed like the natural thing to do," he said.

And for Sanford, it certainly was.

For the last two decades, he has listened to police scanners and amateur radio traffic. He uses 12 different scanners to listen to emergency dispatches throughout the Bay Area.

Two are tuned exclusively to the California Highway Patrol. "A good high-speed chase, that's what I'm most interested in," Sanford said.

A former chef, Sanford is an appliance salesman at Best Buy. He said he is surprised that interest in his recordings "mushroomed" so quickly.

Sanford has been interviewed by several national television networks and newspapers from New York to California. He has produced free copies of the recordings for some in the media, and dispatchers from across the country have asked for copies to use in training courses.

In the past, Sanford -- who trades emergency recordings with other radio enthusiasts -- has heard recordings of pilots as they stay "cool as a cucumber" seconds before their planes crash. He's heard police officers who seemed to barely flinch in high-speed pursuits.

And he's heard the emergency response to the Challenger explosion.

But none of those compared to the horror heard in the voices from ground zero.

"The fact that I listened to that for 20 years, to hear how they sounded in that situation, I realized right away how bad (Sept. 11) was," Sanford said. "These guys usually don't flinch."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

©2001 San Francisco Chronicle Page A - 18 (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. Saludos Amigos. Esta es una noticia preocupante en Venezuela (Díaz...)

Gabinete de Ch·vez de acuerdo con retirar concessi·n a Globovisi·n __06/10/2001__Caracas, (Notimill).-

Al parecer, el Gabinete del presidente Ch·vez est· de acuerdo y todo hace suponer que esta opini·n se generaliz· antes de la intervenci·n del mandatario en el acto del MVR, de acuerdo con las declaraciones que ofreci· el canciller Luis Alfonso D·vila, en el sentido de que respalda las declaraciones del Presidente Hugo Ch·vez de retirar la concessi·n a la estaci·n televisora Globovisi·n.

D·vila no cree que las amenazas del mandatario afectar·n su imagen en el exterior en vísperas de su viaje a Europa y Africa. "No creo que las declaraciones del Presidente se salgan de lo establecido en las leyes. La Constituci·n de 1999 establece clara y en forma precisa cu·les son los preceptos que deben regir los medios de comunicaci·n social", afirm·.

Agreg· que el Presidente tiene claro cu·les son las atribuciones del Gobierno en lo que se refiere a las concesiones. "De manera que no tengo yo la estimaci·n de que el Presidente est· hablando fuera de la ley. Todo lo contrario est· asumiendo una posici·n responsable que est· sustentada en una base legal". (via Jos· Díaz Elías G·mez, Oct 6, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. Clandestine: Radio Free Vietnam, from October 28, 2001 will be on 11850 due to the change of weather. The UTC will be the same: 1400-1430 in Vietnamese (Vuong Ky-Son, Manager of RFV, direct, 5/10/01 via Gabriel Ivan Barrera, Argentina, --- Many thanks Barrera-san! (Japan Premium via DXLD)

?? How do they know what weather change will happen Oct 28, and why would it affect SW propagation from somewhere to Vietnam? Adem·s, per a previous GIB report in DXLD 1-124, RFV broadcast M-F only on 15235,

so don't expect to hear it Sunday the 28th on either! (gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. CLANDESTINE? from ? to VIETNAM. 15750: I managed to listen to this 28 Sep from 1350 (I missed the beginning, I'm afraid). At 1350 a man and woman alternating were reading what sounded like news commentary in Vietnamese with mentions of bin Laden, Taliban and Pakistan. There was a short burst of music at 1400, but programme continued afterwards in similar format but I couldn't determine the content. Around 1425 there was a longish melody played on something like a trumpet, followed by a repeated nondescript tune -- maybe IS? -- and sign-off announcement in Vietnamese with mention of "Chan Troi Moi", then short announcement in English something like "Broadcast of New Horizon is signing off", then another announcement in Vietnamese, off abruptly at 1430. Reception here was not bad, reasonably strong but with some flutter and some kind of RTTY-like ute in the background. Without the interference, reception would have been similar to nearby R Norway Intl on 15735, or to BBC WS Eng to S Asia via Oman on 15310. There was also a much weaker signal on 15760, presumably Kol Israel but I didn't check (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Sep 29, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

I checked 15750 around 1415 Friday Oct 5, but nothing audible here (gh, OK, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. 6045, Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation Radio 2, October 3 at 2118 Zim-pop music with characteristic guitar work, poor at 2118 but steadily improving; // Windows Media feed at <http://209.50.251.215/zbc-radio-2-fm.asx> with 25-30 second delay; clobbered by RCI at 2159 (Ralph Brandi, NJ, Cumbre DX via DXLD) ###